

Information Request NSTAR-DOER-1-19

Referring to page 9, line 28 through page 10, line 1, please provide any and all documents that describe, refer to or otherwise relate to the referenced "State Climate Action Plan."

Response

At the time of the initial response to this question (April 6, 2004), the "State Climate Action Plan," had not yet been finalized and, therefore, DOER was unable to produce the information requested. A copy of the Climate Change Action Plan of the New England Governors/Eastern Canadian Premiers had been submitted as Attachment NSTAR-DOER-1-19. DOER had committed to providing the requested plan as soon as it became available.

Today, on May 6, 2004, the administration released the Massachusetts Climate Protection Plan. It highlights the importance of electricity from clean energy sources in numerous places with specific mention of distributed generation from renewables and combined heat and power on the following pages: 5, 6, 17, 18, 25, 29, and 31. Of particular note, the plan includes the goal to have certain state agencies, including DOER and the Department, to "make recommendations that facilitate the introduction of distributed energy sources, giving special attention to ..., standby rates ..." (page 31)

DOER would like to reiterate that the purpose of mentioning this Plan was to highlight that state policy dictates "a more favorable treatment than that proposed by NSTAR." DOER maintains that a standby rate that is not fairly based on costs has a negative impact on all technologies, and thus, adds a new barrier for beneficial technologies.

The Massachusetts Climate Protection Plan has been attached as Attachment NSTAR-DOER-1-19 (Supplemental).

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